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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Herbert E. Meyer  
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT: NIC Activity Report, 28 January - 1 February 1985

I. DCI/DDCI-Assigned Tasks

NIO at Large (Hal Ford) prepared a draft NIC Threat Outlook, and the DCI's Worldwide Briefing for the House Armed Services Committee, with the assistance of the NIOs. Mr. Ford also consulted with officers of the NSC, State Department, and OGI concerning Radio Marti [redacted] and prepared a memorandum on these subjects for the DCI.

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National Intelligence Officers Fritz Ermarth (USSR), Graham Fuller (NESA), Lawrence Gershwin (SP), David Low (at Large), George Montgomery (GPF), Julian Nall (S&T), Robert Vickers (LA), and David Whipple (CT) participated in the DCI's Worldwide Briefings of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

NIO/Latin America (Robert Vickers) and officers of NPIC met with the DCI to discuss the status of Nicaraguan airfield construction.

Assistant NIO/Latin America [redacted] prepared a Central American update for the DCI's use at a meeting with Mr. McFarlane.

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NIO/USSR (Fritz Ermarth) and A/NIO/USSR [redacted] prepared talking points for the DCI on Chernenko and Soviet succession.

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III. Of Interest This Week

NIO/Africa (Frederick Wattering) attended an NSC-chaired interagency working group meeting on NSSD: Food for Progress Initiative; met with the US Ambassador to Guinea; met with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State James Bishop to discuss US diplomatic activity in Africa, particularly the Horn and Southern Africa; met with Mark Edelman, Assistant Aid Administrator for Africa, to discuss regional economic problems; attended an interagency working group meeting on refugees in Africa; and with A/NIO/Africa [ ] briefed a State IG Inspection Team on several African countries.

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NIO at Large (Hal Ford) prepared background material on Radio Marti for C/NIC's use at a CPPG meeting.

NIO at Large (David Low) with A/NIO/AL [ ] met with Dr. Thomas Welch, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy, and his assistant to discuss Community briefings relating to the proposed DOD binary CW program.

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Assistant NIO at Large [ ] visited the DOE Hanford facility at Richland, Washington, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the Nevada Test Site.

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NIO/Counterterrorism and Narcotics (Charles Allen) met with FBI Assistant Directors Revell (Criminal Investigative Division) and Bayse (Technical Services Division) [ ]

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[ ] met with Assistant Secretary of State Oakley and Deputy Assistant Secretary Borg with a DDO officer and David Whipple to discuss intelligence support on terrorism to the Department, and also the Community Threat Warning System that will be initiated on 1 February under Mr. Allen's direction; with Assistant NIO/Narcotics [ ] met with Assistant Secretary of State Thomas and Deputy Assistant Secretary Taylor to discuss State/INM's needs for Community collection and analysis to support policy initiatives; and met with Assistant Administrator Long and Senior DEA intelligence officials to discuss DEA's role in the intelligence process and Community support for DEA foreign operations.

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Assistant NIO/East Asia [ ] met with officers of OEA/China to discuss a planned estimate that will assess China's new direction and its implications for the US; with NIO/Europe (Col. George Kolt), attended a presentation by LtGen Odom on Soviet military doctrine and its relation to US military posture and the arms control talks; met with the US Ambassador to the Philippines to discuss Marcos' health and developments in Manila; met with State Department Japan desk officers regarding the Japanese defense budget; [ ]

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Acting NIO/Economics [ ] met with a representative of the Technology Transfer Assessment Center (TTAC) and the Chief of the OSWR Space Systems Division to discuss the Space Station and other space issues which may arise at the May Bonn Economic Summit; and with DD/OALA, met with an interagency task force chaired by the NSC to discuss NSSD 2-85: Economic Development for Central America.

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NIO/Europe (Col. George Kolt) and A/NIO/Europe [ ] discussed current issues with the US Ambassador to the Netherlands.

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Assistant NIO/GPF [ ] discussed National Estimates with officers of the National War College's Strategic Concepts Development Center, particularly Warning of War in Europe and Soviet Capabilities for Multitheater War.

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NIO/Latin America (Robert Vickers) discussed the situation in Chile with NSC staff member Constantine Menges; debriefed Congressman James

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Leach on Cuba, with officers of OLL; met with Ambassador Stabler Wells to discuss State Department political reporting on Honduras and Costa Rica; met with the Defense Intelligence Officer for Latin America to discuss the estimate on [ ] and SOUTHCOM input to the estimative process;

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[ ] and met with D/OALA to discuss the upcoming estimative program.

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Assistant NIO/Latin America [ ] briefed students of the Defense Intelligence College on key Central American intelligence issues.

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NIO/NESA (Graham Fuller) discussed OPEC oil strategy with [ ]; met with a Harvard University specialist in New York to discuss Libya; discussed Middle East affairs in New York with an investment corporation officer; attended a Seminar on Shiism at the Council on Foreign Relations; met with the NSC Director of Middle East Policy; and attended a Wilson Institute Seminar on Soviets in the Middle East and the Third World.

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NIO/SP (Lawrence Gershwin) met with officers of OSD Net Assessment to discuss their comparison of US and Soviet SDI potential; with NIO/USSR (Fritz Ermarth), met with Andrew Marshall, LtGen Odom, and Gordon Negus of DIA to discuss Soviet assessments of the strategic balance; and with NIO/USSR and C/ACIS, briefed Max Kampelman, John Tower, Kenneth Adelman, Ambassador Nitze, and Ambassador Rowny on various topics as background for the arms control negotiations.

Assistant NIO/SP [ ] met with personnel of Air Force Studies and Analysis on air defense measures of effectiveness.

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NIO/SP (Lawrence Gershwin) and A/NIO/SP [ ] briefed Department of Energy officials on Soviet strategic and space programs.

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Assistant NIO/USSR [ ] briefed a group of Colgate University students on the Soviet estimates process and the current outlook for the Soviet Union; attended a discussion led by Senator Gary Hart on "The Future of Arms Control"; and held an interagency meeting on external contracting related to Soviet domestic developments.

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NIO/Warning (John Bird) participated in a CNO-sponsored off-site simulation and seminar on warning and crisis management, with A/NIO/W [ ], met with officers of ORD, SOVA, and EURA to review a Systems Planning Corporation proposal for an economic warning analytic model; met with the Agency SIGINT representative [ ] to discuss early warning with cooperating intelligence services; and met with D/EURA and SOVA officers [ ]

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IV. Future Activities

Associate NIO/S&T  will attend a meeting of the Naval Intelligence Informal Consulting Panel in San Diego on 7/8 February.

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